

Your Writing Portfolio

(Major Grade due May 15th)



Must:

- contain your 10 BEST writing pieces from the year
- be typed
- be revised
- be proofread
- be edited
- be organized
- have a cover page with a unique name for the collection and the author's name (you)
- have a dedication page
- have a table of contents
- have page #'s
- have titles on each writing piece
- have an "About the Author" page containing a photo
- have at least one image on each page (no color)
- contain your 1st day essay in the back, typed EXACTLY as you wrote it, uncapitalized, unorganized, boring and all (Mom, Dad, Auntie, and GramGram are going to want to see how far you've come this year!)

Getting started:

1. Select the 10 writing pieces you would like to include
 2. Type the writing pieces you would like to include in DOCS (Google Docs) ONLY!
 3. Revise, edit, and proofread your writing pieces
 4. Add images to writing pieces
 5. Create other required pages (cover page, dedication page, table of contents, "About the Author" page)
 6. Format your portfolio pieces (titles; centered, left-justified, or concrete; paragraphing; page #'s; spacing; other formatting considerations; and etc.)
 7. At some point during this process, you will need to create a Moxtra binder and title it "Your Name's Portfolio."
- Share this binder with me at chyde@hjhawks.net. Start moving the pages for your portfolio into this new Moxtra binder [publishing instructions will be given to you at a later date (2/3, you already know how to do this, but do not publish until given permission to do so)].

Pieces you are to include:

Your writing portfolio must contain at least 10 of your best pieces of writing from the year, plus (+1) your first day essay (11 total). Yes, you may include more than 10 if you'd like. This year you have written poetry, voice prose, expository, personal narrative, creative narrative, opinion pieces, quick writes, and many other genres of writing. No piece of writing is too long or too small. Any writing that you are especially proud of should go in your portfolio. You have several to choose from as long as you have stayed organized and haven't misplaced your precious writing pieces. Haven't been here all year or have you lost your writing? Get to writing! You may have some self-disciplined homework this 9 weeks to complete your portfolio in time! No excuses; no exceptions.

Turning in your Writing Portfolio on May 15th during your scheduled class time:

Your Writing Portfolio MUST be turned in in BOTH of the following ways:

1. Printed and bound (you may use a braded folder, a binder ring, a staple, or something of your own design to bind your work). This is the copy you will take home after I have graded it.
2. Published through Moxtra to an iBook and emailed to me in the form of an iBook. This is the copy I will keep for your school portfolio.

*We will be working on our portfolios every Friday from now until the due date with the exception of May 8th.

* If you are a STAAR A student, you will not be working on your portfolio until after the STAAR Reading test. As you already know, on Fridays you have STAAR A tutorials during class time. However, as you have been a STAAR A student for the majority of the year, you already have most of your writing typed and therefore are already way ahead of everyone else with this project. You will still have ample time to complete your portfolio since you are mostly just formatting. The due date is the same.